

VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF September 10, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m by Vice Chairman Scott Brown.

Present: Scott Brown, Stuart Edwards, Judy Hany, Cemetery Superintendent Alan West, and Cemetery Secretary, Carol Nelson. Jean Luddy entered during the meeting. Absent: Lois-Jane Tonski.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent West reported that the damages to both Dobsonville Cemetery and Elmwood Cemetery have been repaired and the insurance companies have paid for the damages to both the chain link fence at Dobsonville and the markers at Elmwood. A marble marker will be reglued by the staff.
- b. Tree work in Grove Hill and Elmwood has been progressing with a chipper on loan from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- c. Road paving has been completed to the extent covered by the budget at Grove Hill. The roadway around the chapel and the road at the Section 9 entrance at Hale Street have been repaved this year with \$18,000 expended.
- d. Personnel update - Four seasonal employees supplemented during the summer. Two have returned to college and the others will hopefully be employed into November.
- e. Bank account signature cards have been updated with considerable difficulty encountered. Signers are Alan West, Carol Nelson, and James Luddecke.
- f. Suspense List - A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Scott Brown and unanimously approved to place the account of Dolores Beaudry, Valley Falls Cemetery, Sec. 3, Lot #11, May, 2006, Lot: \$300, Cemetery Trust: \$200, Total: \$500, on the Suspense List.
- g. Cemetery Mapping – Eagle Scout Awards- The two Boy Scouts, Zack Kline and Michael Leonard, have received recognition at the July Vernon Town Council Meeting. In addition to excellent photos of the gravestones, the coordinates are also indicated. Their work encompasses both Dobsonville and Valley Falls Cemeteries. Carole Burke of the Vernon Education Foundation is planning on publishing the work and putting it in various location as an excellent reference tool for the burials in these two cemeteries.

Jean Luddy entered the meeting.

Election of Officers – A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously approved to elect Jean Luddy as chairman and Judy Hany as Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of June 11, 2013 - A motion was made by Scott Brown and seconded by Jean Luddy to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion was approved with Stu Edwards and Judy Hany abstaining.

Other business - Wreaths Across America (WAA), a national nonprofit places wreaths at Arlington Cemetery and in 815 other cemeteries across the country each December. The mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach. Carol Nelson has offered to be the local coordinator working with the DAR and other local groups for the ceremony to be held on December 14, 2013, at Lugg Field, Veterans Section. The seven ceremonial wreaths representing the various branches of the armed forces and the POW/MIA will be placed across the front of the field. Sponsored individual wreaths are not recommended for this year as the possibility of snow cover would present problems with the flush markers. A motion was made by Jean Luddy, seconded by Scott Brown and unanimously approved to pursue and approve participation in the Wreaths Across America program for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 with a motion made by Scott Brown and seconded by Stu Edwards.



Carol S. Nelson

Cemetery Secretary

Approved: January 7, 2014